

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 81
By Vaughn

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Junior League of Kingsport upon the celebration of its 45th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life of citizens through educational and charitable activities; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Kingsport is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in, and commitment to, voluntarism; the organization's programs are exclusively educational and charitable; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Kingsport was established on March 31, 1958, under the leadership of Eleanor Taggart; during its 45-year history, the Junior League of Kingsport has enhanced the community with the spirit of voluntarism and substantial funding in support of many agencies; and

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WHEREAS, with 350 current members, the Junior League of Kingsport provides over 35,000 volunteer hours annually to agencies in the areas of Children's Health and Education, Women at Risk, Quality of Life in the Kingsport Area, and Voluntarism; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Kingsport has worked many years in the area of the Juvenile Court System and was the first League in the state to establish a comprehensive service center for children affected by abuse; this center, known as the Sullivan County Children's Advocacy Center, opened its current facility in 1991, and continues to serve as a model for other centers across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Kingsport has founded more than 25 agencies that continue to thrive and to care for our community, including Volunteer Kingsport, the Arts Council, Contact Concern, Mt. Region Speech and Hearing, CASA, Second Harvest Food Bank, Kingsport Child Development Center, Books for Babies, Special Needs Resource Center, Shepherd Center, Summer Reading Camp, and the RASCALS Teen Center; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Kingsport has also partnered with various community groups to develop more than 20 programs that continue to impact our community, including Leadership Kingsport, Hands on Museum, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Fun Fest, Keep Kingsport Beautiful, First Night, and Friends in Need Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Kingsport is committed to continuing its tradition of training women for volunteer service, and it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend this excellent, community-focused, volunteer-training organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the officers and members--past, present, and future--of the Junior League of Kingsport on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the

organization, reflecting with deep appreciation on their numerous contributions to their community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we offer them much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared with this final clause omitted from such copy.